

I am a customer of an independent ISP (Sonic.net) The customer service through this independent company exceeds the standards of large companies. I am very concerned if telecommunication companies were not required to provide access to independent ISPs that the cost of doing service with independent companies would be prohibitive. By raising prices telecommunication companies would ultimately eliminate alternatives ISP's for customers. Once the competition is eliminated there is no guarantee for the quality of customer service from the telecommunication company will remain at current levels, which is already lower than the technical support I receive from my independent ISP.

Please do not grant BellSouth's petition to de-regulate broadband service.